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People want to build a table.
They need wood.
They need tools.
Tools are kept in a toolbox.
Wood and tools are heavy.
How will they carry wood and tools?

They can use a wagon!
A wagon has wheels.
The wagon moves on its wheels.
The wheels turn around and around.
It is easy to move a wagon.





People go shopping.
They buy many kinds of food.
They buy cereal and fruit.
They buy milk and juice.
How can they carry the food
around the store?

They can use a shopping cart!
A shopping cart has wheels.
A shopping cart moves on its wheels.
The wheels turn around and around.
A shopping cart is easy to move.





Some children live far from school.
It is too far to walk.
How can they get to school?
They must find a way to get there.

They can ride on a school bus!
The school bus has wheels.
The bus goes to school on its wheels.
The wheels turn around and around.
The bus takes the children to school.



Wheels turn around and around.
Wheels help us carry things from place to place.
Wheels help people move from place to place.
What else can wheels do?

Talk About It

1. How can people move heavy things from place to place?
2. What has wheels and can help us carry things?

Write About It

3. On a separate sheet of paper, draw a picture of something that has wheels. Write about how people use it.

Extend Language

Wagon and *way* begin with the same sound, the sound of *w*. Can you find another word in the story that begins with that sound?

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